Management of Labor

Management of Signs/Symptoms of Preterm Labor (PTL) Algorithm

This algorithm applies to singleton pregnancies only.



- Sterile speculum exam
- Fetal fibronectin testing
- Consider GBS, wet prep for bacterial vaginosis
- GC, chlamydia
- Digital cervical exam
- Transvaginal ultrasound for cervical length (if available)
- Ultrasound for growth, fluid, placenta
- Assess contraction patterns
- Assess fetal well-being
- Urinalysis and urine culture

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Critical events:

- · Cervix 5+ cm dilated
- pPROM
- Vaginal bleeding
- Chorioamnionitis suspected

